

# FY 2025 Age Friendly Westerly Community Plan - Housing



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**Goal: To facilitate resident connections to senior-focused community resources to promote health and wellness and reduce social isolation.**

Strategy	Action Steps	Status	Outcomes	Target Date	Lead Org.	Resources Needed
<b>Continue efforts to improve affordable housing options for older residents</b>	Town of Westerly Planning for Affordable housing Explore multi-generational home sharing Support, listen and participate in the affordable housing planning with a focus older adults		Additional Age Friendly housing in Westerly	2025	Age Friendly RI	Money for refreshments  Recorder for notes and feedback
	Host semi-annual focus groups/community conversations to gather input from older adults and share resources		1-2 Listening sessions/community conversations around affordable housing amenities and structure  Increase knowledge of local resources		Westerly Library +Westerly Hospital	
<b>Assess housing community needs</b>	Gather housing information from community-based organization and content experts <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>By hosting housing community experts to learn how we can communicate resources in the community</li> <li>Assess housing needs of the community through the Community Health Needs Assessment of YNHH L+M</li> <li>Assess housing needs survey data from HBHM's - Westerly region</li> </ul>		Inventory of existing resources for older adults	2025	Westerly Library, Olean Center, Westerly Sun, Chamber of Commerce, Westerly Housing Authority, Town of Westerly, Ocean Community Collaborative of Non-profits, Westerly Hospital	Consultant for data analysis
<b>Continue partnering with community programs that provide support for residents to age in place</b>	Westerly Village supporting seniors to stay in their home (transportation, light household chores, technology support, social interaction)		Increase of average age of adults who choose to age in place	2025	Westerly Village, Warm Center, Westerly Housing Authority, St. Vincent de Paul Society	Continued funding to support partner organizations that are supporting Westerly
	Utility support through Tri-County Community Action and Jonnycake				Jonnycake Center Tri-County Community Action	

# FY 2022-25 Age Friendly Westerly Community Plan- Transportation



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Strategy	Action Steps	Status	Outcomes	Target Date	Lead Org.	Resources Needed
<b>Expand age-friendly transportation options</b>  <b>Promote available community resources and existing partner organizations' transportation services, information and resources for older residents</b>	Explore bringing a pilot to increase on-demand transportation to supplement RIPTA		New free or low-cost on demand transportation options	Fall 2025	Looking Upwards, Olean Center, Age Friendly RI (Exploring pilot, transportation options), PACE, Senior Center, Pawcatuck Neighborhood Center, MTM, Westerly Village	Funding, dedicated staff to research and coordinate initiatives
	Make community aware of existing transportation options					
	Pool existing transportation resources of existing non-profits (e.g. transportation manager, etc.)					
	Securing town commitment					
<b>Assess transportation community needs</b>	Gather transportation information from community-based organization and content experts <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>By hosting transportation community experts to learn how we can communicate transportation resources in the community</li> <li>Assess transportation needs of the community through the Community Health Needs Assessment of YNHH L+M</li> <li>Assess transportation needs survey data from HBHM's -Westerly region</li> </ul>		Inventory of existing resources for older adults	Fall 2025	Westerly Library + (Age Friendly RI), Westerly Hospital	Consultant for data analysis
	Host semi-annual focus groups/community conversations to gather input from older adults and share resources		Increase understanding of needs of older adults  Increase knowledge of local resources	2025	Westerly Library, Westerly Hospital	Money for refreshments  Recorder for notes and feedback

# FY 2025 Age Friendly Westerly Community Plan - Communication & Information



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Indicator: Percentage of Westerly seniors with income less than \$20K (20.1% compared to 13.4% in Washington County)

Indicator: Percentage of Westerly Seniors living alone (14.6% compared to 12.1% in Washington County)

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Strategy	Action Steps	Status	Outcomes	Target Date	Key Org.	Resources Needed
Assess Communication & Information community needs	Gather information from community-based organization and content experts <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>By hosting community experts to learn how we can communicate resources in the community</li> <li>Review information on rack cards</li> <li>Assess Communication &amp; Information needs of the community through the Community Health Needs Assessment of YNHH L+M</li> <li>Assess Communication &amp; Information data from HBHM's - Westerly region</li> </ul>		Inventory of existing resources for older adults	2025	Westerly Library, Olean Center, Westerly Sun, Chamber of Commerce, Westerly Housing Authority, Town of Westerly, Senior Centers, Faith Based, Ocean Community Collaborative of Non-profits, Westerly Village, Westerly Hospital	Office of Healthy Aging Pocket Guide, Olean Center Resource Guide
	Host semi-annual focus groups/community conversations to gather input from older adults and share resources		Increase understanding of needs of older adults  Increase knowledge of local resources	2025	Westerly Library, Westerly Hospital	Money for refreshments  Recorder for notes and feedback
Promote available community resources and existing partner organizations' services as well as general health information and resources for older residents	Publish a Westerly focused resource guide for older adults		Increase knowledge of local resources	2025	Westerly Library	Financial Assistance for Printing
	Utilize existing channels to amplify age friendly messages and age friendly existing resources		Increase knowledge of local resources	2025	Age Friendly Westerly	Marketing and communication expertise and a dedicated communication lead
	Promote PSAs focused on older communities		Increase viewing of PSAs			